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SUBJECT: RE-SCHEDULING GON DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER'S VISIT
TO WASHINGTON

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(B) THE HAGUE 5077

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS VAN GORKOM HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER JAN PRONK WOULD LIKE TO RESCHEDULE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR SOME TIME DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MARCH 1975. PRONK'S PROGRAM INTERESTS AND APPOINTMENTS DESIRED REMAIN AS DESCRIBED IN REF A, ALTHOUGH HE MAY SUGGEST SOME ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS WHEN WE INITIATE DETAILED PLANNING OF THE VISIT WITH HIM. WE CANNOT RPT NOT OVER-EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRANGING INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP MEETINGS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THESE WILL SERVE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ACQUAINTING PRONK WITH THE MOOD AND CLIMATE TOWARD FOREIGN AID IN THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD; THEY SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO BROADENING HIS POLITICAL EDUCATION AND TEMPERING HIS LEFT WING ZEAL WITH A BETTER SENSE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL REALITIES.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TIMELY CONFIRMATION BY
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DEPT. THAT TIMEFRAME PROPOSED BY PRONK IS SUITABLE,

TOGETHER WITH ANY INDICATION OF SPECIFIC DATES (FOR THREE-
DAY VISIT) WHICH DEPT. MAY PREFER. IN VIEW OF PAST
FAILURES OF FONOFF TO KEEP NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON INFORMED, IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF DEPT
PUT NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN THE PICTURE RE RESCHEDULING
OF PRONK'S VISIT.
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